

*Outgoing***Freedom From War mine (S/039/0024) - transfer update**

16 messages

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Tue, Feb 10, 2015 at 3:44 PM

**Peter Brinton** <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

To: Todd Wilhite &lt;todd@computersales.com&gt;, Todd Wilhite &lt;utahviper@hotmail.com&gt;

Cc: John Robinson &lt;jrobinson@utah.gov&gt;, Paul Baker &lt;paulbaker@utah.gov&gt;

*cc: Wayne, Peter*  
*Bo*

Hi Todd,

We anticipate that we will receive the bond check from Zions Bank any day. Once we receive it, we will shortly approve the permit transfer. FYI.

Peter

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**todd wilhite** <todd@computersales.com>

Mon, Mar 16, 2015 at 8:48 AM

To: Peter Brinton &lt;peterbrinton@utah.gov&gt;, Paul Baker &lt;paulbaker@utah.gov&gt;

Cc: Shane Peterson &lt;shane@utahlawpartners.com&gt;

Good morning,

Thanks for the updates. How do we go about scheduling the harrow? I would like to go out there this week or next.

Thanks Todd Wilhite

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**Peter Brinton** <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 9:32 AM

To: Paul Baker &lt;paulbaker@utah.gov&gt;

Given the weather and the dry winter, is it still worth Todd's work to seed the Seelys this spring? It's still pretty early in spring, and I'd like to get it over with, but not at the expense of a valid revegetation effort. Your call.

The Fox mine landowner doesn't want the disturbance on his land seeded this spring due to the lack of moisture, which is why I'm asking. Darin Christensen (operator) said that the northern valleys in Sanpete county didn't get much of the water from that last big storm, and have been largely underwatered this winter. (I told him that he would need to keep an eye on weeds and would need to roughen the surface next fall prior to seeding.)

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**Paul Baker** <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 10:20 AM

To: Peter Brinton &lt;peterbrinton@utah.gov&gt;, Todd Wilhite &lt;utahviper@hotmail.com&gt;, todd@computersales.com

I don't know about the disc; Peter should be able to help you with that. You should do it as soon as possible. Seeding is always a risk, but especially in the spring, but in spite of the warm, dry weather, chances are reasonable that we will get enough rain.

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**Peter Brinton** <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Thu, Mar 19, 2015 at 9:04 AM

To: Todd Wilhite <utahviper@hotmail.com>, Todd Wilhite <todd@computersales.com>  
Cc: Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>, Shane Peterson <shane@utahlawpartners.com>

Hi Todd,

I'm available to bring down the harrow next Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Do any days in particular work for you?  
Thanks for the patience.

Peter  
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**Todd Wilhite** <utahviper@hotmail.com>

Thu, Mar 19, 2015 at 11:34 PM

To: Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov>  
Cc: Todd Wilhite <todd@computersales.com>, Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>, Shane Peterson <shane@utahlawpartners.com>

Wednesday would be the best for me. I am also worried about the lack of moisture. I really don't want to waste money and time doing it twice.

That being said, I really do want to get this behind me.

Thanks Todd Wilhite

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**Paul Baker** <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Fri, Mar 20, 2015 at 6:42 AM

To: Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

He doesn't want to waste time and money, but he wouldn't do it last fall or early winter. Now he's waiting until after the storm Monday and Tuesday. He may want to get this behind him, but he has not made this a priority.

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**Peter Brinton** <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Fri, Mar 20, 2015 at 9:32 AM

To: Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Good point. Are we requiring two good faith efforts? I thought we were thinking that this one effort to establish some beneficial grasses would be adequate, considering existing vegetation. So would we count this as a good faith effort to establish grasses?

If not, then we should wait until fall, I think. I guess I think it is worth doing now anyway, assuming some significant amount of the seed will take either this year or next, but I don't know if that's a good assumption. It looks like it's grazed pretty heavy, so for what that's worth... Your call. I will plan on doing it with Todd, unless you recommend waiting.

Soil quality isn't a problem, I don't think, so I guess it would be moisture, competition, and crusting that would be. Crusting should be remedied with the blanket harrow. Competition we can't do much about without spraying, apart from the harrow uprooting(?) some newly-germinated plants. I guess water is the big question (as usual?).

I'll want some instruction on the chain harrow at some point.

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**Peter Brinton** <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Fri, Mar 20, 2015 at 9:35 AM

To: Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

It's still freezing at night there, barely. Would waiting until mid-morning or noon help, or would it be just as good earlier in the morning?

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**Peter Brinton** <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Fri, Mar 20, 2015 at 10:06 AM

To: Todd Wilhite <utahviper@hotmail.com>

Cc: Todd Wilhite <todd@computersales.com>, Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>, Shane Peterson <shane@utahlawpartners.com>

Wednesday before noon works for me. I have some conflicts in the afternoon, and would need to leave the site by about 1pm at the latest, so I would need to meet at 10 or 11am. Paul, hopefully the ground isn't frozen still at that point?

You have the seed ordered, right?

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**Todd Wilhite** <utahviper@hotmail.com>

Fri, Mar 20, 2015 at 10:52 AM

To: Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Cc: Todd Wilhite <todd@computersales.com>, Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>, Shane Peterson <shane@utahlawpartners.com>

Yes the seed is at Stevenson. I sent u the receipt for it last year.

Wednesday in the morning should be good

Thanks Todd Wilhite

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**Peter Brinton** <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Fri, Mar 20, 2015 at 1:32 PM

To: Todd Wilhite <utahviper@hotmail.com>

Cc: Todd Wilhite <todd@computersales.com>, Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>, Shane Peterson <shane@utahlawpartners.com>

Thanks. That's what I thought. I will bring the blanket harrow and be at the site by about 11am, perhaps sooner.

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**Paul Baker** <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Fri, Mar 20, 2015 at 2:42 PM

To: Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

I think it's worth doing now. Vegetation establishment is dependent on spring weather even if you seed in the fall. The advantage of seeding in the fall is that it gets the earliest possible start. We've had a lot of years with very wet weather in April and/or May, so let's hope for the best.

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**Peter Brinton** <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 8:55 AM

To: Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Thanks.

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**todd wilhite** <utahviper@hotmail.com>

Tue, Mar 31, 2015 at 1:39 PM

To: Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Cc: Todd Wilhite <todd@computersales.com>, Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>, Shane Peterson <shane@utahlawpartners.com>

Gentlemen,

To the best of my understanding, I have fulfilled all my responsibilities for the freedom from war and mount pleasant north areas.

I went out today and cleaned up the gulch mine. I am attaching pictures of before and after.

This takes care of item #2 on the letter dated January 15.

I'm sending a check for \$450 and the new reclamation contract today. This should take care of item #1,3. There has been no mining activities for several years.



I will not commence any mining activities at the gulch mine until I first send either written or electronic correspondence. This should take care of item #4.











Thanks Todd Wilhite

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**Paul Baker** <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Wed, Apr 1, 2015 at 7:41 AM

To: todd wilhite <utahviper@hotmail.com>

Cc: Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov>, Todd Wilhite <todd@computersales.com>, Shane Peterson <shane@utahlawpartners.com>, "Western, Wayne" <waynewestern@utah.gov>, John Robinson <jrobinson@utah.gov>

I believe this does take care of things, but I want to check with our attorney before confirming that and deciding where we go from here.

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